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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 16

FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and for the purposes enunciated in paragraphs (d) and (e) thereof, the National Security Council hereby authorizes and directs that:

1. The Director of Central Intelligence shall coordinate the procurement of foreign publications for use by the departments and agencies of the Government for intelligence purposes.
2. The Director of Central Intelligence shall provide, as a service of common concern, the following support to the IAC agencies:
 - a. The exploitation of foreign language publications for intelligence purposes, e.g. the production of English language excerpts, summaries, abstracts, compilations, etc.
 - b. The development and maintenance of reference facilities on foreign publications of intelligence interest and translations therefrom.
3. The Director of Central Intelligence shall coordinate such services of common concern with similar activities maintained by the departments and agencies of the Government to satisfy departmental requirements: Provided, That such coordination shall not prejudice the maintenance of facilities necessary to meet departmental demands.
4. As provided in Section 102 (e) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, the departments and agencies of the Government shall grant to the Director of Central Intelligence access to foreign publications and translations in their possession.

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5. An Advisory Committee on Foreign Publications shall be established to advise and assist the Director of Central Intelligence in the implementation of this directive. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the IAC agencies, and other departments and agencies of the Government will be invited to send representatives to sit with the Committee on matters which concern them. The Chairman and Secretariat of the Committee shall be supplied by the Central Intelligence Agency.

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